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For: METHOD FOR SEVERING BRITTLE
MATERIAL SUBSTRATE AND SEVERING
APPARATUS USING THE METHOD

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.